




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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Ipswich, Returned Services League Sub-Branches

 **Mr MADDEN** (Ipswich West—ALP) (2.09 pm): I rise to say a big thank you to all of the Returned Services League sub-branches in Ipswich, but particularly the Ipswich, Ipswich Railway and Rosewood sub-branches. The mission of Queensland RSL sub-branches is to provide care, commemoration and camaraderie to enable veterans and their families to live with dignity and respect. The Ipswich sub-branch occupy the magnificent Soldiers Memorial Hall in Nicholas Street, Ipswich, while Rosewood sub-branch occupy the Rosewood Memorial Hall and the Ipswich Railway sub-branch has its headquarters at Flint Street, North Ipswich, not far from the RSL Queensland Moreton District headquarters located at Pine Street, North Ipswich.

As well as providing a wide range of support services for veterans and their families, the Ipswich, Ipswich Railway and Rosewood sub-branches regularly hold commemorative services that provide an opportunity to bring their communities together. These services not only include Anzac Day and Remembrance Day services but services commemorating other conflicts including the Korean and Vietnam wars. All of these services are well attended, but the annual turnout by the Rosewood community for the Rosewood sub-branch Anzac Day dawn service and Anzac Day march is truly outstanding. Last Friday, 18 August, Ipswich and Ipswich Railway sub-branches held Vietnam Veterans commemorative services while Rosewood is holding its service on Saturday, 26 August. Notable dignitaries who have attended the Ipswich sub-branch services include Dame Quentin Bryce, former Queensland governor and governor-general of Australia. She attended the service held at the Soldiers Memorial Hall held on 19 July for the 107th anniversary commemorative service for the World War 1 Battle of Fromelles, while Prime Minister Anthony Albanese attended the Ipswich sub-branch Vietnam Veterans Day service held on Friday.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the office bearers of the Ipswich, Ipswich Railway and Rosewood RSL sub-branches. For the Ipswich sub-branch they include Paul Rogers, president; Debbie Wadwell, secretary; Owen Smith, treasurer; George Picone, deputy president; and vice presidents Vivienne Stanbury and Peter Newman. For the Ipswich Railways sub-branch, they include John Dredge OAM, president; John King, vice president; Bruce Graham, vice president; Peter Dixon, secretary; David Baker, treasurer; Reg Bond, assistant secretary; and Shan Brown and David Brown, board members. For the Rosewood sub-branch they include Bernie Mason, president; Brian McLucas, vice president; Carmel Luetchford, secretary; and Ian Luetchford, treasurer. I thank them all for their voluntary and selfless service, not only to their sub-branches but also to the Ipswich Community. It would be remiss of me to not acknowledge the magnificent CSI—Club Services Ipswich. It is jointly owned by the Ipswich sub-branch and the Ipswich Railway sub-branch. It is a great place for dinner if anyone wants to go out in Ipswich.